



The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting
Tuesday Evening, March 16, 2021, 6:30 pm
Government Center Meeting Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charles Newton, IV, Chairman
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner
Bill Jopling, Commissioner
Frederick Favors, Commissioner
Sammie Wilson, Vice Chairman

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

David Crawley, County Manager
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Allison Eaddy, UGA Extension
Chase Beggs, Planning & Zoning
Stephen Sewell, Fire/EMS

MEDIA: Erin Burditt, McDuffie Progress

Others: 5

Public Hearing

1. **Approval for a Variance Request – S/W Mobile Home – Raysville Baptist Church, 5264 Lincolnton Road, Thomson, GA 30824**

Chase advised the board that Raysville Baptist Church was given a single-wide construction office to use as storage for their food pantry and clothing ministry. The building is in good shape and will be placed behind the church, so there is no visibility from the road. The planning board recommends approval of the request. Chairman Newton asked if there was any questions or comments for this request, hearing none this item was closed.

2. **Approval for a 25-Acre Solar Farm – Superior Way, Parcel 00310016, Thomson, GA 30824**

Chase advised the board that Inman Solar is requesting on behalf of the Arrington family for a 25 acre solar farm adjacent to the Mount Pleasant Industrial Park. All the necessary paperwork and permits have been completed. The planning board recommends approval of this request. Chairman Newton asked if there was any questions or comments for this request, hearing none this item was closed.

3. **Approval for a 25-Acre Solar Farm – Dallas Drive, Parcel 00400068, Thomson, GA 30824**

Chase advised the board that Inman Solar is requesting on behalf of Buddy Dallas for a 25 acre solar farm on a residential zoned lot on Dallas Drive. This site was formally a landfill, so the solar farm would be the best use of the property. All the necessary paperwork and permits have been completed. The planning board recommends approval of this request. Chairman Newton asked if there was any questions or comments for this request, hearing none this item was closed.

Chairman Newton asked if there were any further public hearing items to come before the board. Hearing no response the public hearing portion of the meeting was closed.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm, acknowledged a quorum of commissioners present and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Favors offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT

APPROVALS

Agenda (Current)

Chairman Newton asked if there were any additions or corrections to the current agenda.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the current agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

Minutes

Work Session- *March 1, 2021*

Regular Meeting- *March 3, 2021*

Chairman Newton asked if there were any corrections to the minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jopling to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT

1. Consideration to Appoint 2 Members to the Land Bank Authority.

David advised that he has spoken with someone that had been recommended to the Land Bank but due to health issues they were not interested in serving. Chairman Newton advised that Vice Chairman Wilson had served previous and asked if he was willing to serve again, Vice Chairman Wilson agreed.

Commissioner Favors and Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve Vice Chairman Wilson to the Land Bank Authority. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to Approve Variance Request for Raysville Baptist Church.

Chairman Newton asked if there was any need for further discussion.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to uphold the planning board recommendation to approve this request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.

2. Consideration to Approve Solar Farm at Superior Way.

Chairman Newton asked if there was any need for further discussion.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to uphold the planning board recommendation to approve this request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

3. Consideration to Approve Solar Farm at Dallas Drive.

Chairman Newton asked if there was any need for further discussion.
Commissioner Thompson made the motion to uphold the planning board recommendation to approve this request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

4. Consideration to Approve 2021 Road Resurfacing List.

David advised that the proposed list are included as LMIG projects. The roads that are highlighted in yellow will be completed and the other will be done as needed and if funds are still available.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the 2021 Road Resurfacing List. The motion as seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

5. Consideration to Approve Airport Consulting Agreement.

David advised that airport committee reviewed the airport consulting agreements and have recommended to move forward with GMC (Goodwin, Mills & Cawood, Inc.).

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to uphold airport committee recommendation to approve GMC Consulting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

6. Monthly Budget Report

David presented the monthly budget report.

7. Monthly Financial Report

Pam presented the monthly financial report.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:01 pm, seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk